

March 11, 2022

Dear Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee:

**PLEASE Oppose S.B. #16**

As a law-abiding, legally permitted firearm owner and a common, tax-paying, life-long resident of the State of Connecticut, I urge you to oppose S.B. #16. I am opposed to the constant attack on my rights as a legal firearm owner. There are already several strong laws in place to handle crimes associated with firearms, however many of them are plea-bargained away or never even prosecuted perhaps due to a public commissioner or district attorney with adverse political opinions.

This proposed bill (S.B. #16) will have no measurable effect on crime, it will only infringe on the rights of legal gun owners. Banning common firearms that have been in production / circulation for several years are no more or less deadly than any other firearm. Please prosecute the person who pulled the trigger, not what the trigger is connected to. Extending the list of banned firearms, some of which are 28-years old, and firearm features will not reduce crime. This bill will not decrease illegal firearm sales or crimes.

This proposed bill (S.B. #16) also seeks to enhance the firearm registration database and the legislation involved therein. NEWS FLASH – Most criminals are not legal permit holders and they do not register the firearms that are used in crimes! Furthermore, the existing licensing process in the state is not efficient to process existing permits and firearm transfers in a timely fashion. This bill would add another layer of in-efficient, tax-payer funded government bureaucracy and over-reach and will not decrease crime or illegal firearms.

I ask that you please DO NOT support Governor Lamont's proposed bill to suppress the rights of legal firearms permit holders of the State of Connecticut.

**PLEASE Oppose H.B. No. 5416**

I oppose H.B. No. 5416, an Act Concerning Bulk Purchases of Pistols and Revolvers. This bill as written will have no effect on illegal firearms crimes and will only seek to persecute legal permit holders. Regulating the number of pistols or revolvers a permit holder can purchase or exchange within a given amount of time is completely arbitrary and ludicrous. This bill will once again have no effect on crime in the state, it will only restrict the rights of legal permit holders. Do you think a criminal will care how many guns they steal or buy off the street in a given month??

As a firearms enthusiast, legal permit holder and an active member of a local sporting club, it's my opinion that this bill would directly harm the common gun hobbyist, target & competition shooters, hunters as well as the firearm's business in the state. Once again, please prosecute the criminal, not the average, legally permitted firearm owner. I oppose H.B. No. 5416.

**SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388**

I support raised S.B. No. 388, an Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or a Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle. This bill contains language that would protect the rights of legal permit holders in the use of deadly force in self-defense situations, with regard to dwellings, places of employment or concerning motor vehicles. I support raised S.B. No. 388.

**SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415**

I support raised H.B. No. 5415, an Act Concerning the Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large capacity Magazines. This bill contains language that would protect the rights of legal permit holders by allowing the transfer of assault weapons & large capacity magazines. I support raised H.B. No. 5415.

**SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412**

I support raised H.B. No. 5412, an Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in a Religious House of Worship. This bill contains language that would protect the fundamental rights of legal permit holders during situations that warrant the use of deadly force in a religious house of worship. I feel this bill would protect innocent lives from evil in a time of peril, through a level-headed, legal permit holder. I support raised H.B. No. 5412.

Respectfully Submitted,



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